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New York, May 19, 1914.

My dear Doctor Thomas;

I received in due course your letter of recent date enclosing copy of Governor Mead's letter in which he proposes to donate to the college $60,000 for the cost of a new Memorial chapel to be erected upon the ~~college grounds~~. I can readily appreciate the pleasure and satisfaction which this gift affords you, and which is, I am sure, keenly shared by the trustees and every other friend of the college; and I beg to extend my most cordial congratulations. I most heartily favor the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition, and the appointment of the building committee which he suggests.

I shall be glad to do anything in my power to promote the movement for the desired fund of $500,000 although I am not at all sure that I can obtain any large subscriptions.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Porter